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LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter of today's date from His Excellency Mr. Vladislav Jovanovic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Notwithstanding the clear warnings about the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) air force's frequent violations of the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, of which I informed you in my previous letters and requested you to take appropriate measures to prevent the repetition of such violations, I am compelled to write to you again and inform you that NATO aeroplanes continue their dangerous and provocative violations of the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which they did at the following times and locations:

On 24 April 1994, NATO aeroplanes violated the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on two occasions:

(a) At 10.47 a.m., a NATO plane entered the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the region of Bijela Gora-Vilusi-Velimlje. This was a TR-1 reconnaissance plane, flying at an altitude of 19,000 metres at a speed of 950 kilometres an hour;

(b) At 4.50 p.m., a NATO fighter-bomber entered the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 10 kilometres inside the area of Lake Peruca, flying at an altitude of 6,000 metres at a speed of 800 kilometres an hour.

I also wish to draw your attention to the recurrent practice of NATO pilots of breaking the sound barrier above the rural and urban settlements in the Republic of Srpska, close to or above the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, thus creating the so-called shock waves, obviously aimed at provoking and intimidating the civilian population.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is deeply concerned over the continued systematic violations of the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and wishes to reiterate that NATO and the United Nations, under whose auspices NATO forces are acting in the former Bosnia-Herzegovina, are assuming enormous responsibility for all the consequences that may ensue.

Such a continued provocative behaviour of NATO is all the more unacceptable as reasoned warnings have repeatedly been given about this problem and particularly considering the fact that the United Nations has not taken appropriate steps towards the NATO Command.

As you understand, such encroachments against the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia constitute a serious provocation and a dangerous threat to peace and security in the entire region, a flagrant violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and a direct threat to the peace process aimed at putting an end to the war in the former Bosnia-Herzegovina.

I believe you share my opinion that the most important thing at this moment is to solve this problem urgently. To that end, I call on you once again to take appropriate measures both within the United Nations and towards the NATO

Command in order to have these dangerous provocations discontinued. I would very much appreciate your positive attitude towards this problem, as well as early information about the measures you have taken in this regard.

Vladislav JOVANOVIC